

Obituaries

Dr. David James Gibb Wishart. The death of Doctor Wishart occurred, after a somewhat prolonged period of gradually declining health, at his home in Toronto on December 5, 1934. Death was hastened by a recently occurring inflammatory chest condition. No death in the medical profession in recent years will have caused a more widespread feeling of regret, both among the public and, particularly, within the profession of which he had been a prominent member since his graduation.

Doctor Wishart was born at Madoc, Ont., on September 11, 1859, the son of the Rev. David Wishart and Maria (Torrance) Wishart. His father, was born



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at Blairburn, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1827, and pursued his education at St. Andrew's University, Glasgow University, and New College (Free Church), Edinburgh. Coming to Canada at the suggestion of Dr. Horatius Bonar he became the minister of St. Peter's Church, Madoc, where he remained for nearly forty years. He died on December 3, 1914, in his 88th year. Doctor Wishart's mother was the daughter of James Torrance, of Montreal. After the death of her parents she was brought up by her sister, Mrs. Stephenson, whose husband was one of the original founders of the medical faculty of McGill University, and, later, by another sister, Mrs. James Gibb, who occupied "Woodfield" on the St. Lawrence River, just outside of Quebec.

Doctor Wishart's early education was acquired in the Brantford Collegiate Institute, from which he matriculated to the University of Toronto in Arts, taking his Bachelor's degree in 1882. His degree in Medicine he obtained (M.D., C.M.), in 1885 from McGill University, becoming also in 1885 a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London. Other degrees held later were M.D., C.M., of Trinity University (1887) and a Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons in 1913.

All the years of his practice were spent in Toronto where he was continuously a teacher and practitioner of oto-laryngology. In the latter department he held various hospital and teaching appointments, being Chief

of his Department in the Hospital for Sick Children from 1900 to 1907, on the staff in Oto-Laryngology in the Toronto General Hospital from 1890 to 1922, and Chief in Oto-Laryngology from 1914 to 1922. Similar appointments were held in the old Simcoe Street Dispensary and in St. Michael's Hospital. As a teacher he was on the staff of the Women's Medical College from 1886 to 1905, and in Trinity Medical College from 1889 to 1903, in which year, on the federation of Trinity Medical College with the University of Toronto, he became Professor of Oto-Laryngology from 1903 to 1922. He held office in various medical bodies for many years, being treasurer of the Academy of Medicine from 1907 to 1910 and President in 1917 to 1918. Memberships in medical societies were very numerous,—Canadian, British and American,—and he was very many years a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto. During the war he served with distinction at home, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, as a Consultant in Oto-Laryngology. He was for many years an active member of the York Club and the Toronto Golf Club.

His society affiliations were with Ionic Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Zeta Psi Fraternity, the Æsculapian Club of Toronto, and St. Andrew's Society. Brought up as he was in the Manse at Madoc, Ont., where he was born in the autumn of 1859, he retained his Presbyterian affiliation and was at death a member of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's Church, King Street, Toronto.

Doctor Wishart married, first, Sarah Staunton Gunther (1887) and, secondly, Rebecca Maria Gunther (1891). Dr. D. E. Staunton Wishart, of Toronto, is a son. Doctor Wishart is survived by his widow, two sons, and three daughters.

In all parts of the world where his many students have been scattered deep regret will be felt at his demise, and testimony be borne to a long life of useful work well done in behalf both of patients and of those who were his students.

AN APPRECIATION

I have been asked to write an "Appreciation" of the late Dr. David Wishart. I take it that this means the assessing of the qualities that we value most in a man and by which we most gladly remember him. If this be so it is a pleasure to me to speak whereof I know of David Wishart and the many sterling qualities that endeared him to a host of friends.

His active surgical life, the quality of his work and the many administrative activities that were his are dealt with elsewhere. But something more personal may be recorded. By his origin and his up-bringing Wishart was made of stern stuff with strong, unyielding ideas of right and wrong, of justice and duty. An injustice done by anyone to anyone was the occasion for an outburst of indignation that could come only from one of his type. It was real righteous indignation with a sort of religious backing to it. On the other hand his satisfaction in a good deed well done by anybody was good to see, it was so sincere. He had many friends, some of them dating back to his college days at McGill University. There were those in the old residence at Toronto University and the friends of his later life were many. He had a faculty of keeping in touch with them and a reunion was to him a real pleasure, for he was a very genial man. He dearly loved to be amongst them, thoroughly enjoying himself, exchanging anecdote and joke.

He took a keen interest in sports. He played golf as a pure pleasure and not as a task, seeking to excel. He was a handy man in a canoe and a good man on a portage. The outdoor life made a strong appeal to him. At Go-Home Bay, on the Georgian Bay, there is the Madawaska Club. He, I believe, was one of the original members. At this place he had a charm-

ing summer cottage. Like all summer cottages, it started in a rather rustic way, but, passing through various stages of improvement, is now one of the best that one would wish to see. It was always full of guests, friends of his and his family. It is here that I like to recall him as host, surrounded by his friends, the hospitality as lavish as it could possibly be in such surroundings and he really at the peak of his happiness. There is one thing that always impressed me about that place—every morning there were the usual morning prayers carried out in the stern Presbyterian fashion. It was to him one of the events of the day. It reflected the type of man he was, the type of upbringing he had, and everybody admired him for it and they themselves enjoyed it.

There is lost to us a striking land-mark in the medical world of the last two decades; a man full of years and full of honour, of good report amongst his fellows; a gentleman endeared to his friends; a good husband and a wonderful father. We shall miss him sadly.

HAROLD PARSONS

Dr. I. W. N. Baker died in Sussex, N.B., on November 27, 1934. Dr. Baker was seventy-three years old, and had practised in Centreville, Saint John and Sussex.

Dr. Elisée Bellemare died at St. Barnabé North, Que., on November 18, 1934. He was born at Yamachiche in 1853, the son of Antoine Bellemare and Rose Descoteaux. He conducted his classical studies at Nicolet Seminary and graduated in medicine from Victoria University in 1879.

Dr. Bellemare was married first to Mlle. Parmélie Martel and, secondly to Mlle. Eléonore Bald. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Rev. E. H. Bellemare and Dr. L. Eugène Bellemare.

Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, of Toronto, died suddenly, at his home, on November 11, 1934. He was born in 1893, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Peter J. Brown, and a graduate of the University of Toronto (1920). He is survived by his widow, formerly Venite O'Connor.

Dr. Brown will long be remembered by a host of friends and patients throughout the eastern section of the city, in which he was noted for the large amount of charitable work he did among the poor.

Dr. Bernard Miville Deschenes died at St-Pascal de Kamouraska on November 21st at the age of 65. He had been ill for several years and had had a severe stroke a few days before his death. He studied at the College of Ste-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, and the University of Laval, Quebec, where he took his degree in medicine in 1895. He then returned to his native county of Kamouraska and established himself in general practice, which he followed for nearly 40 years.

Dr. John Duncan, of Toronto, died on November 22, 1934, at his home. He was born in 1875 and was a graduate of the University of Toronto (1906). He is survived by his widow, formerly Oda Weldon.

Dr. William Elliott died at his home at Wolseley, Sask., on October 29, 1934, following a heart attack. He was 71 years old and had been a resident of Wolseley for 41 years.

Born in 1863 at Mitchell, Ont., Dr. Elliott received his primary education at the Jones School at Logan, finishing in Mitchell High School. He attended Toronto University, graduating with honours and as gold medallist from the medical college in 1893. That year he came west, establishing his office at Wolseley.

In 1898 he was first elected to the Territorial legislature, and again in 1902. In 1903 he was named Minister of Agriculture for the territories, in the cabinet of Hon. F. G. Haultain. He was elected to the first provincial legislature in 1905 and again in 1908.

Though prominent in public life, he will best be remembered for the work of his profession. As a doctor, it has been said that he never failed to answer a call. The period best remembered by his friends was in 1900, when epidemics of the scarlet fever and diphtheria struck the Wolseley district. He did not know what a night of rest meant during that period.

With his passing the medical profession suffers a deep loss.

Dr. George W. Fleming, of Petitcodiac, N.B., died in Montreal on November 7, 1934. Dr. Fleming was born in Chipman, N.B., 73 years ago. In early life a school teacher, he graduated in medicine from McGill University in 1893, locating immediately in Petitcodiac, where he has since continuously practised. Dr. Fleming was an active member in local affairs, being chairman of the school board and holding other parish offices. He was a Baptist and a Mason. He was a past-president of the New Brunswick Medical Association, and was widely known throughout New Brunswick as a man of sterling character and of a most remarkable generosity.

Dr. Beverley Zey Milner. Stricken with a heart attack as he was coming from treating a patient, Dr. B. Z. Milner, of Toronto, was found dead, slumped over the steering wheel of his automobile, on December 7, 1934.

Dr. Milner was well known in Toronto medical circles. He was born in Stratford 69 years ago, the son of Rev. Jonathan Milner, a Methodist clergyman of Toronto. Dr. Milner received his earlier education in Woodstock and Barrie high schools, and received the degree of M.D., C.M. from Trinity University (1889).

For many years he was associate head surgeon of the Hospital for Sick Children. He later became surgeon-in-chief, in charge of the outpatients department at the Toronto General Hospital. He served in that capacity for eight years.

At the time of his death Dr. Milner was Honorary Consulting Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children and a Fellow of the Academy of Medicine.

He is survived by his widow, Clare Maud Aitken; a son, Beverley, of Toronto; and two daughters, Marjorie and Dorothy, at home.

Dr. J. D. George Tassé died at his residence, Iberville, Que., on November 24, 1934, in his 72nd year. A well known and greatly beloved figure in public life of St. Johns and Iberville, he had practised medicine there for a period of 45 years. Of recent years the doctor had given up his practice, being confined to his home through illness.

Born in Iberville in the year 1863, Dr. Tassé studied at St. Hyacinthe, Que., later attended the Jesuits' College in Montreal, and graduated from Victoria University in 1888. He was appointed physician for the Grand Trunk Railway and later was a councillor in his home town. He leaves to mourn his loss, his widow, formerly Hermine Dalbec; one son, Alain, of Iberville; one daughter, Mrs. P. Painchaud, of Quebec City; four brothers, Dr. Victor Tassé, Worcester, Mass., Gustave, Victor and Romuald, all of Montreal; two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Gouin, Three Rivers, and Mrs. Walter Tressider, of Montreal.

Dr. John Henry Watson, of Toronto, died on November 16, 1934, in his eighty-eighth year. He was born at Bond Head, on October 27, 1847, and graduated from Victoria College in 1869. In his youth he was a noted cricketer, and was reputed to have played on every cricket field between Toronto and Collingwood. He commenced medical practice in Barrie, where he established himself as a skillful obstetrician. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. F. W. Thorold, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Miss Gertrude Watson, at home; a son, Dr. George A. Watson, Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Carrie Shewan, and a brother, Albert Watson, both of Bond Head. He was pre-deceased by his wife twenty-five years ago.